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## LUNA DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES OPEN CAMPAIGN IN COLUMBUS; RALLY AT HONDALE TONIGHT.

Democrats by far outnumbered the republicans and independents on Tuesday night at the coming out party of the faithful adherents of democracy in Columbus.

This representative affair, undoubtedly would be a better name for it, was decided upon last Saturday night at Denning, the managers believing that it would be the proper idea for the county candidates to attend dances in a body and meet the public—to see and be seen, and Columbus, in the opinion of all, should open "the ball."

And Columbus did open the ball and the ball was kept open later than any dance that has taken place in this city in a long time, the public coming and going until early in the morning.

The gathering was all and more than was expected of it. The county candidates were there, and so were their wives and their cousins and their aunts.

**Greenwood Addresses Crowd.**

The Columbus Theater Orchestra was there, too, and many a citizen, male and female, who used to shake a "mazy foot" in pioneer days fell for the allurements of jazz and filled their niche in the evening crowd.

Candidate for the Legislature, James L. Greenwood, in his introductory remarks to the 300 and more present, briefly outlined the "call" for the dance and the intentions of the managers of the Democratic campaign for the fall election in this county. Mr. Greenwood's remarks were well received and the following applause was merited.

Attorney Walter B. Bryant, in a brief announcement, stated the purpose of the get-together crowd and was doing splendidly and had the crowd with him until someone in a raucous voice shouted "On With the Dance!" and they were off at it.

**Judge Rogers Directed.**

Later in the evening Mr. Bryant introduced Judge C. F. Rogers, three times justice of the peace in Denning and probable judge and now candidate for election to the latter office. The judge stated his pleasure at the large attendance, the evident enjoyment of the crowd, and laid emphasis on the announcement that the speaking of the forthcoming campaign would begin this Friday night, September 17, at Honda, where a dance would be given with the Columbus Theater Orchestra furnishing the music. He held no brief for anyone of the candidates but he held one for the ticket as a whole. He advised everyone who could possibly do so to attend this dance at Honda and inspect the candidates individually and as a body and then, by comparison with

the Republican candidates, pass their judgment, which he prophesied, would redound to the credit and election of the entire Democratic ticket at the November election.

The judge was warmly applauded and the audience responded with, "Well be there, judge!"

About this time a refreshment stand and luncheon stand were set up and Judge Clark untied his lunch of wafers, headed by the next county treasurer, W. J. Berry; Tal Hunter, ditto on the assembly; James Huff, W. C. McKinney, Zeno Johnson, Deputy Sheriff Kane and others too numerous to mention, and the crowd "fell in."

There were 600 sandwiches, 100 ice cream cones, and coffee of coffee, chocolate, lemonade, etc.

Among the guests from Denning and the county candidates who individually and collectively made the evening enjoyable and who likewise enjoyed themselves to the full may be mentioned:

**Candidates Introduced.**

P. L. (Jack) Boyer, candidate for sheriff, and Mrs. Boyer.

W. J. Berry, candidate for treasurer.

J. Y. (Tal) Hunter, candidate for assessor.

Dennis A. Hughes, candidate for re-election as county clerk, and Mrs. Hughes.

Mrs. Joe Wills Bell, candidate for superintendent of schools.

Julius C. C. Rogers, candidate for justice of the peace.

John L. Loftis, candidate for commissioner District No. 1.

James A. Allen, candidate for commissioner District No. 2.

Harold Fisher, candidate for district attorney.

James L. Greenwood, candidate for the legislature and County Commissioner D. J. Gaudin, who is out for re-election from District No. 2.

Of the longhairs, well it would be impossible to name them. Arthur Black, probably the most prominent Republican, was there with Mrs. Black, and it was the consensus of opinion that both of them would make splendid Democrats. There were also many independent voters who wanted a "line-up" of the candidates, and from remarks overheard by the scouting representatives of the Columbus Courier the candidates, all of them, did themselves and the cause proud and the proof of the pudding as it were will be heard by should be in the wicket early the morning after—in November.

**SPOTLIGHTS.**

Mrs. Joe Wills Bell, future superintendent of schools for Luna

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## MEXICANS HAIL INDEPENDENCE DAY; BIG TIME

Old Mexico's Independence Day, Thursday, September 16, was its final celebration by all Mexicans in the vicinity of Columbus and Palomas, Chih., both colonies going in to homage to their country's independence and its patriots. This particular celebration was more heartily joined in by all classes because in Mexico is asserted, and the celebrants because of this fact were happier in knowing that the streets of revolutions and bandits was at an end and that their beloved country once more taken back with the nations of the earth.

**Finest Street Parade Ever.**

The street parade in Columbus for Independence Day was a splendid affair. It was headed by the 21st U. S. Infantry band and then followed in successive massive decorated floats, early decorated automobiles, pretty little white-dressed Mexican girls, prominent Mexican business men and local Mexican officials, together with the Chief and the employees of the Mexican border patrol, Mexican rowdies of reputation, and Mexican cowboys of reputation, all carrying lanterns.

Colonel Fremont, and Major McDonald and other prominent Americans were in the parade also.

**Open House at Palomas.**

Consular Agent Morales extended an invitation to the citizens of Columbus to be his guests at the Mexican Consular House in Palomas, Chih., a few miles south of the border.

Business was at a standstill in Columbus and nearly every automobile in the city and as far north as Denning took advantage of Custom Collector Lee Riggs' invitation to obtain a passport. Many visited the wonderful Palomas Lakes.

**Crowd at National Hall.**

The celebration at Palomas under the auspices of the Mexican border patrol and its chief was a gala affair and to Americans it was a revelation as to festivities conducted by Mexicans in their native country.

At the National Hall in this city a public dinner was given, patriotic speeches were given, and a drama and a drama depicting legendary history was produced with the aid of local talent.

Taken altogether it was a big day for the Mexicans and was probably enjoyed by the Americans as well.

**Fight for Five-Cent Passenger Fare.**

Santa Fe, N. M., Sept. 15.—The final arrangement for the interstate fight for three-cent passenger fare will be made at a conference of corporation commissioners from New Mexico, Nevada and Arizona at Los Angeles, beginning Monday. Hugh D. Williams, chairman of the New Mexico commission, and Edward F. Coady, rate expert, will be there. They received a wire from H. J. Slansky, chairman of the Nevada commission, today, saying that he would be there, and F. A. Jones of Arizona is expected. The four-cent fare charged in the three states will be attacked chiefly on the ground that they are discriminatory in that other western states had to pay only three cents.

**Mild "Flu" Epidemic.**

Santa Fe, N. M., Sept. 16.—That a recurring but mild epidemic of the "flu" has hit New Mexico is shown by reports to the State Health Department of three cases in Valencia and three in Taos county.

**Women May Vote; Must Register Same as Men**

To All County Clerks, For the Information of Voters of Registration.

This is to notify you that there was filed in this office, on September 7th, proclamation by Bainbridge College, Secretary of State of the United States of America, declaring the proposed amendment to the Constitution extending the right of suffrage to women, to have been duly ratified by the required number of states in the United States, and that the same has become valid to all intents and purposes as a part of the Constitution of the United States.

This letter is therefore notice to you, that all women, who are qualified to vote, should be registered by you, as now, as now provided by law. Kindly instruct your boards of registration to this effect.

## J. L. NORWOOD'S HOME ENTERED BY BURGLAR.

Sunday evening J. L. Norwood, the hardware man, and family and their guest, "Doc" Hampton, fell into line with other citizens and saw now and then to speak of burglars with the same assurance as members of local bodies who profess to prefer their conversations with "light aff" over operations, dear, you know, etc., etc.

It was shortly after midnight, Mr. Norwood heard a noise, arose, grabbed his revolver, turned on the porch, flooded his new home with light and found over a window a burglar partially dressed in a soldier's uniform. As Mr. Norwood raised his revolver to shoot, the crook gave a yell and fell out of the window backward. Mr. Norwood sat him.

The burglar's escape was miraculous in several ways, as he fell on his back when he struck the ground, he regained his feet and instead of taking to his heels and in the shadow of an "L" in the building, Mr. Norwood jumped out of the window and ran around the house and with the assistance of Mr. Hampton secured him for the burglar.

A few minutes later Nightwatchman Dennis arrived on the scene and discovered the figure of a man stealing away in the dry arroyo. Mr. Norwood and his friend immediately chased and fired repeatedly and the thief fled in return and escaped by dodging between houses.

Mr. Norwood lost \$1250 and Doc Hampton lost \$250.

Mr. Norwood ever since the memorable night has felt aggrieved at his poor marksmanship, especially as Mr. Hampton repeatedly explained to him how he would have shot him, had even going into details and locating the various spots in the crook's trajectory where he would place his bullet.

A couple of "weekends" afterward, Mr. and Mrs. Norwood made a "strawman" and placed "it" under Mr. Hampton's foot. The strawman had a string tied to it which ran into another room and when pulled was supposed to give the necessary "wriggle" to the body to cause Doc to set up and take notice.

Mr. Hampton as usual retired early. The writer uses the word "usual" advisedly, as this was one of Mr. Hampton's nights off and of course he retired early. After saying his prayers and shutting his eyes, he awoke and seeing everything was safe, he took up last book under the bed and Doc received the greatest shock since he left North Carolina, wab.

There was a burglar under his bed. On two toes he reached for his trusty gun under his pillow, got a perfect focus on the particular spot where he had previously informed Mr. Norwood that all but burglars should be shot, and called aloud for Mr. Norwood.

Mr. Norwood responded with a yell and found Doc standing at the foot of the bed "covering" the crook. Pointing his rifle at the strawman Mr. Norwood asked Doc if he should shoot him and Doc replied:

"Oh, let's get a private."

Mr. Norwood told Doc to "pull him out." Doc grabbed a foot with one hand while he kept the gun on him with the other and he yanked with all his might and—the shoe came off and with it a bunch of hay.

Doc is still counting money at the Columbus State Bank, but there is \$250 which he will never count again.

**El Paso Overlooks U. S. Constitution**

Section 18, of the Constitution, Clause No. 6—"Provinces shall be the Union and the States," reads as follows:

"No preference shall be given by any regulation of commerce or revenue to any of the ports of one State over those of another."

It looks as if preference is being given to the state of Texas over the state of New Mexico in that New Mexico is not allowed privileges in imports that are accorded to the Texas Port of El Paso, and people who wish to enter Mexico through Columbus, N. M., must pay their way to El Paso from Columbus and pass into Mexico through that Port.

Yet New Mexico lawyers, how about it?

## \$22,500 PAID FOR MINING CLAIMS IN TRES HERMANAS; METALS EXPLORATION CO. BUYER.

O. Weiser, president of the Metals Exploration Company of Houston, N. M., this week closed a deal in Columbus which means much to the development of the Tres Hermanas Mountains and will have a bearing on the development of Columbus as a mining center. Consistent mining men have repeatedly stated that the Tres Hermanas would prove one of the greatest mining fields in America, the field consisting of thousands of acres of low grade highly mineralized ores containing silver, lead, zinc, copper and kindred by-products.

Mr. Weiser's reputation partly rests on the fact that he is the man who developed the Two Republics mines and sold them to the American Zinc Company in 1900.

Last week he purchased a number of claims from the Staining Brothers for approximately \$100,000 and the agreement calls for the spending of two thousand dollars a month in chloride leaching. This sum alone will prove up thousands of acres.

Mr. Weiser evidently knows what he is doing and what he is after as he also closed another deal in the same locality. This one involves claims owned by T. G. Lockland, J. M. Grump and Eugene Casey. The consideration was \$5,000, making the initial investment of the Metals Exploration Company \$27,500.

The Courier last week completed publication of the incorporation papers of The Wolf Mining and Milling Company, Fisher & Fisher, attorneys at Denning are attending to the legal details of this corporation whose mine and mining claims in the Tres Hermanas are second to none in the district. More will be published of this company in the near future.

Mining and developing in the Tres Hermanas and Florida mountains are on the increase. It is estimated there are forty prospectors in the Tres Hermanas district alone. Geologists, engineers and prospectors are honeycombing the district.

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**Fluorapatite Mining at Tortugas Mountain.**

In the Tortugas mountains, two miles east of Mesilla Park, Dona Ana county, large deposits of high grade fluorapatite ore have been opened up by Alfred Ross of Tucson, Arizona, who has leased and located the claims from Mr. Hayner of Las Cruces. Mr. Ross has shipped several carloads of the mineral to the steel works near Chicago, where it is used in steel making. The ore is packed on burros from the top of the hill to the wagon road and hauled to Mesilla Park for shipment. The average price of the ore delivered on the cars runs from \$15 to \$20 per ton. Fine specimens of the crystals bring as much as \$15 per ounce and are used in making optical instruments.

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**The Florida Oil Well Company in Row With Manager, Drilling Stops**

For some time it has been apparent to outsiders that all was not well with the promoters of the Denning Florida oil well. Rumors flew thick and fast that Manager John Clark and the directors were at odds and early this week it was common gossip on the streets of Denning that the board of directors had refused to sanction the signing of any more checks and that any future debts contracted by Manager Clark would be repudiated.

The Courier tried to get the inside facts, but officials approached were uncommunicative. The following from the Denning Graphic, however, sheds light on the extent that it is the old business—money—how not to spend it. The company has had many ups and downs and the oil showings were so good that the company was enabled to weather previous storms by the selling of the treasury bonds. But from the gossip going the rounds there is a severe blow somewhere but where one has thrown a monkey wrench into the money box and drilling has ceased.

According to the Graphic the well shut down Tuesday. In Denning in Columbus and Denning, however, feel that the shutdown is only temporary and that drilling will be resumed as soon as a re-organization is effected.

The Florida well will be shut

down 300 feet deep and will collect with two others also 300 feet deep. If the oil meets expectation there will then be three the tunnels and loss of loss of low grade highly mineralized ore that may be mined from beneath at a nominal sum of less than \$150 per ton. This mineral body of low-grade but highly mineralized ore assays not less than \$22 a ton and has showings far above that sum. The stock is still \$100 per share but the Graphic provides a jump which will make shareholders sigh as they realize what might have been.

The auto road to the mine is an easy trip for any machine and may be made in half an hour. Every one in Columbus should visit the mine and see the workings. The management extends an invitation to all to visit the site at any time. The crew is working twelve hours a day.

**New Silver-Lead Discovery in Hachita District.**

Discovery has just been made in the old Eureka mining district, 8 miles west of Hachita, and about 2 miles from the famous American mine. The discovery is on the group of mines belonging to Charles J. Auer, O. G. Malloy and E. E. Malloy, called La Paloma, Big Vein and New Moon. This grade of silver carrying silver was found right on the surface and about a depth of about 50 feet. The property has been worked off and on for a year by the owners, but owing to their being engaged in working their mines in old Mexico their work has not been steady at Hachita. However, they are arranging to open up the Paloma group and ship ore. Mr. Auer and the Malloy brothers have been operating mines for years in districts near Tucson and Durango.

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## Fifty-five Ranchers are Growing Cotton in Luna County This Year

The fair will give every cotton grower in the valley an opportunity to show what he has as well as what his farm can do in the way of the production of cotton, says the Denning Graphic. Every farmer should bring at least one stalk with all the bolls attached. The premiums offered will be, first prize, \$5; second prize, \$4.50 and third prize, \$3. The prizes will be given on the "most prolific and best exhibit, any variety, to consist of one stalk with open bolls attached."

Cotton ought to be used also to larger extent in the decorations of community displays as well as general decorations. Surely we have the chance of our lives to make the old Army show up the agricultural wealth of this old county, and we can do it if we all enter into the game.

For fully educational value every farmer ought to have hanging on his stalk the following information: The name of the variety, date of planting, date of germination, depth of planting, preparation of the soil, method of planting, ridge, level or furrow, amount of seed per acre, average distance between plants, number of cultivations, number of irrigations, date of first bloom, date of first boll opening, date of first pick-

ing, date of second picking, is crop maturing well? types of soil, previous crop on soil, yield per acre, cost of planting, growing, harvesting, ginning and selling of crop.

If every farmer would endeavor to bring with his exhibit the information suggested in the paragraph above, and then compare the results with the 55 cotton growers in the valley he would get one of the most practical and thorough-going educational courses in cotton production that he could ever hope to get anywhere. And this, folks, is the real value of the fair. It is this that has brought the like-old, insignificant state of North Carolina from seventh place a few years ago to the 14th in value of agricultural production. Only Texas, Illinois and Iowa surpassing her. Can we do it? We can. Let us say we will.

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